

Bradford County Telegraph.

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To be famous mere y means to be well advertised.

We hear much just now about various institutions being on trial. Everything human is on trial. Every day is a judgment day.

An Indiana judge, tired and disgusted with long newspaper accounts of divorce proceedings, has announced that the publication of a detailed account of such suits would result in the arrest and fining of the offender, and his exclusion from the court.

Iron in mounds and mountains, and gems, as one might say, by the wagon load, copper in the very greatest abundance, quicksilver, lead—what you will—Mexico's mineral treasures are far beyond count, says Vice-President Morfitt in the New York Independent.

An idea of the magnitude of the foreign business of the United States can be gained from the record of 1897-98, which shows that the export of bicycles exceeded in value that of any other manufactured article, and surpassed even the value of all agricultural implements.

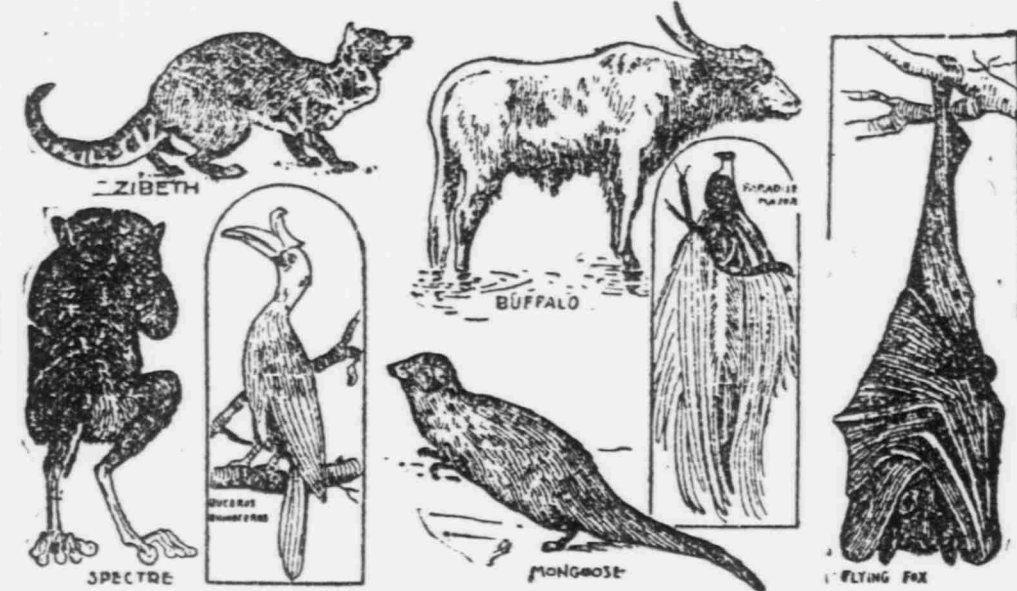
The John Howard Industrial Home for Discharged Prisoners of Massachusetts has recently secured a one hundred acre farm at Bridgewater for the temporary employment of discharged prisoners. Besides farm work there will be other means of earning money established from time to time as circumstances warrant.

The municipal pawnshop just opened in Chicago will serve as a valuable experiment. No one who has seen the working of the Mont de Piété in Paris, or the supervised loan office in Germany, can doubt that such institutions are a benefit to the community. And no one who has seen the working of our own pawnshops in our great cities can fail to be much to learn in this regard.

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FREAK BIRDS AND BEASTS IN THE PHILIPPINES.



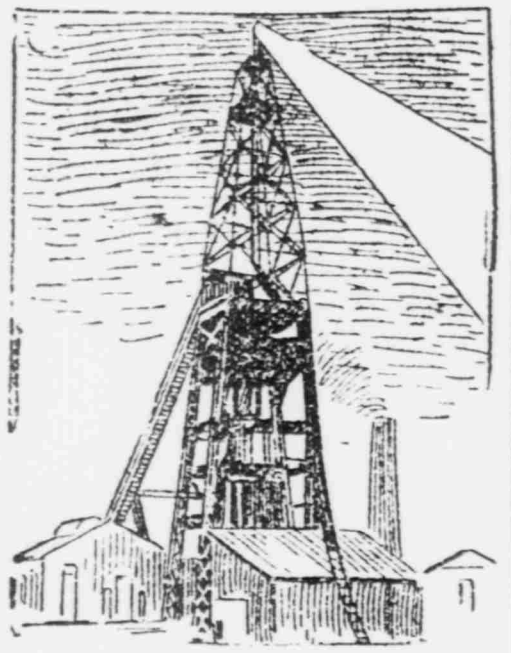
If Uncle Sam could collect a pair of specimens of each species of beasts, birds and reptiles which inhabit his newly acquired Philippine possessions he would have a zoological "biggest show on earth." Some of the most remarkable ones are shown in the accompanying cut. The spectre is the most grotesque of Oriental animals. Its eyes are like a great pair of spectacles and its feet and ankles are uncovered bone formations. The kaguan, or flying fox, is a bat. It lives on fruit. The mongoose is a pest which we should beware of importing. The zibeth is a variety of civet cat. The bucceros rhinoceros, who imprisons his mate in a hollow by building a plaster wall over the entrance hole, so that she cannot leave the nest during the nesting season, is the oddest of Philippine fowls. Father Hornbill feeds his wife through a small hole all the while. When the eggs are hatched he hammers down the wall and lets her out. The paradise major is one of the most gorgeous birds in the world. The buffalo is used as a beast of all work.

Modern War Mechanism.

Searchlights, Steam Ploughs and Heliographs in South Africa.

As might be expected, the English are using in the South African war the most modern military appliances that can be had. They are thoroughly up to date in the matter of guns and ammunition, and even the surgeons are using new means of developing X rays. The War Office has negotiated with Marconi's business representatives for wireless telegraphic outfits, and by this time the apparatus ought to be in service. Moreover, a number of other appliances that are not necessarily instruments of war have been put to use in the contest with the Boers.

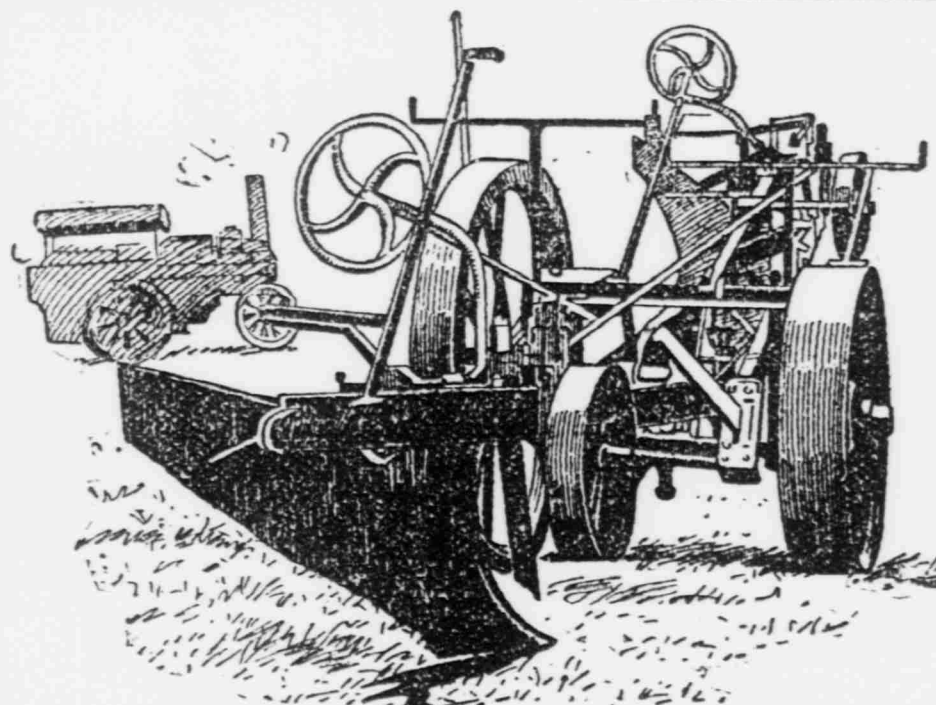
One of the most striking instances of this kind is the employment of a steam plough for digging trenches. The ploughshare and pruning hook are particularly typical of the arts and spirit of peace, but now, for the first



KIMBERLEY SEARCHLIGHT. (A powerful electric light is installed on the shaft head at the De Beers mine. By this light signals were exchanged between Kimberley and the force under Lord Methuen.)

time in history, the former implement has become a military weapon. The steam plough is not in itself a novelty. It has been used for years on a large scale in the western parts of the United States, where the great wheat and corn crops of the country

differs only in trifling details from that with which the American wheat grower breaks up the surface of the fertile prairie. The superiority of this means of digging trenches is so manifest that one wonders why it was never thought of before. A three wheeled "traction engine," such as is employed in hauling heavy wagons



NEW STEAM PLOUGH FOR CUTTING TRENCHES. (Used for the first time in the South African War.)

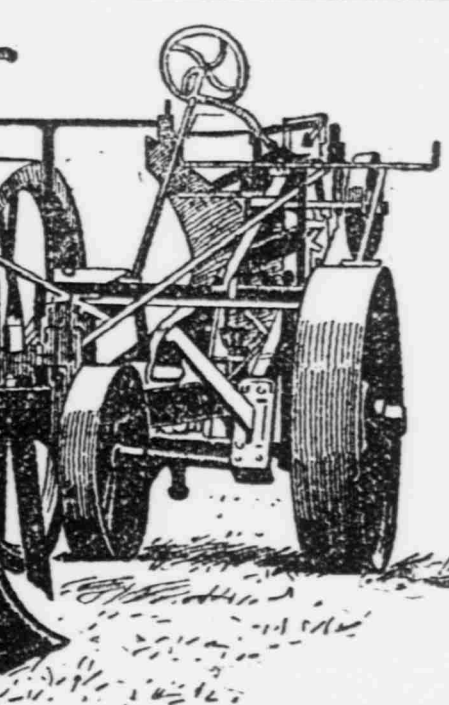
from town to town or in operating itinerant threshing machines, drags the steam plough of Colonel Templer through the soil. Two of the wheels are large and broad, and the third, out in front, carries only a small part of the load, and is used mainly for steering purposes.

There is nothing especially new in the resort to telephony. The American Signal Service has long had ample equipments of this kind for field work, particularly in the dissemination of orders from headquarters and the receipt of reports from subordinates during an action. It is not at all likely that the English are ahead of the United States in this respect. However, some interesting features are presented by one of the instances of telephony in South Africa just described in the dispatches.

After arriving on the field of battle at Elandsbaagte, General French saw the necessity of prompt reinforcements. In his army were several telegraphers, who were provided with portable telephones, batteries and in-

thereon, by a metallic hook or clip at the top of a light, portable stick, one end of another wire. The latter extended downward to a box containing a telegraph key and sounder, two or three cells of battery, and a convenient combination of telephone transmitter and receiver. To make the apparatus work, it was further necessary to run the lower end of the hanging wire into the ground. Thus a regular "circuit" was formed, the earth affording a return route for the current. Either a telegraph key or a telephone could be used, according to the convenience of the operator.

A convenient substitute for Marconi's apparatus has been found at Kimberley in the powerful electric searchlight there. It is a mistake to suppose that such a device is serviceable only at sea. Although the uses which it has in the navy are somewhat different from those thus far found for it on land, it certainly has its value on terra firma. At Kimberley it has performed a double office. It has assisted in the watch for an enemy, and it has furnished an excellent means of telegraphing. By switching the current on and off the light can be broken up into dots and dashes, to form telegraphic letters. The enemy might see these signals, but as a secret code would doubtless be employed, the significance of the flashes would not be understood except by the initiated. Searchlights have been made whose rays could be discerned at a distance of fifty or seventy-five miles. At Kimberley it was known that Lord Methuen's army had come within twenty or thirty miles nearly a fortnight ago. No difficulty should have been experienced in sending messages concerning the situation in the beleaguered city, therefore, although a



HOW BOERS DESTROY RAILWAYS.

reassuring response could not so easily be transmitted.

The Boers, too, are learning to use modern methods. A small contingent have realized the uselessness of merely tearing up a section of railway and throwing the rails into a stream—the usual Boer method of destroying a track. What they now do is to heat the centre of a section to a white heat and carry the rail by its two cool ends



A South Sea Island Bride.

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EYELID QUIVERED.

St. Louis Woman In Trance Narrowly Escapes Being Buried Alive.

At East St. Louis, Mo., Sunday morning, Mrs. Hirth emerged from a trance to find herself under process of being embalmed and prepared for the grave. The discovery was the result of the merest accident and astonished the undertaker. A movement of an eyelid saved the woman from death at the hands of the undertaker or from burial alive.

Sunday morning, while her husband watched at her bedside at the hospital, she gave a deep sigh and then seemed to breathe no more. When the county physician arrived, he pronounced her dead. The county undertaker was called and shortly afterwards proceeded to embalm the body. Mrs. Hirth was placed on the cool-dig board and the work of preparing her for burial began.

On each eye a weight was placed to hold the lids. Over the face a white cloth saturated with bleaching fluid was spread. When ready to remove the bleaching cloth he noticed that one of the weights had fallen off. In replacing it he thought he detected a slight movement of the eyelid. There was no beat or pulse of sign of breath, however, so he set about preparing his instruments for the injection of the poisonous fluids used in embalming. While thus engaged he noticed a faint quiver of the eyelid. He summoned assistance and the body was removed to a bed in the hospital. The doctor was called and restoratives applied.

Gradually the woman came out of her coma and was able to move her body. She was unable to discuss her experiences, but made signs to indicate that she was conscious of all that had taken place. It is expected that she will regain some of her strength and live for a while at least.

SPANISH GUNS DONATED.

The Navy Department Presents Relics For Lieutenant Brumby Memorial.

The six-inch bronze cannon that defended Fort San Felipe, at Manila, against the American fleet under Admiral Dewey, and which were dismounted by shells from the Olympia, have been presented to the city of Atlanta by the navy department to be placed at the base of the monument to be erected in honor of Lieutenant Thomas Brumby.

Announcement of the gift was made public Wednesday morning in a letter received by Colonel W. I. Heyward from Admiral George Dewey, in which the admiral incloses a letter from Secretary Long stating that the cannon are now at Mare Island, California, and can be secured by the city as soon as desired.

The news was received with enthusiasm by those interested in the erection of a monument to the memory of Lieutenant Brumby.

The announcement that the two captured cannon had been presented to the city was in the nature of a surprise to those who had pushed the matter since Admiral Dewey had been asked to use his influence to obtain only one of the famous guns.

The presence of the two Spanish guns at the base of the proposed monument will give a thrilling interest to that memorial, and they will serve as a reminder of the dangers the lamented lieutenant faced when he stood by the side of Admiral Dewey on the Olympia at the capture of Manila.

ATLANTA PIONEER DEAD.

Col. J. W. Rucker Victim of Pneumonia at Palm Beach, Fla.

Col. J. W. Rucker, of Atlanta, Ga., president of the Maddox-Rucker Banking Company, of that city, died at Palm Beach, Fla., Friday night at 9 o'clock.

The death of Colonel Rucker was due to an attack of pneumonia contracted some weeks ago.

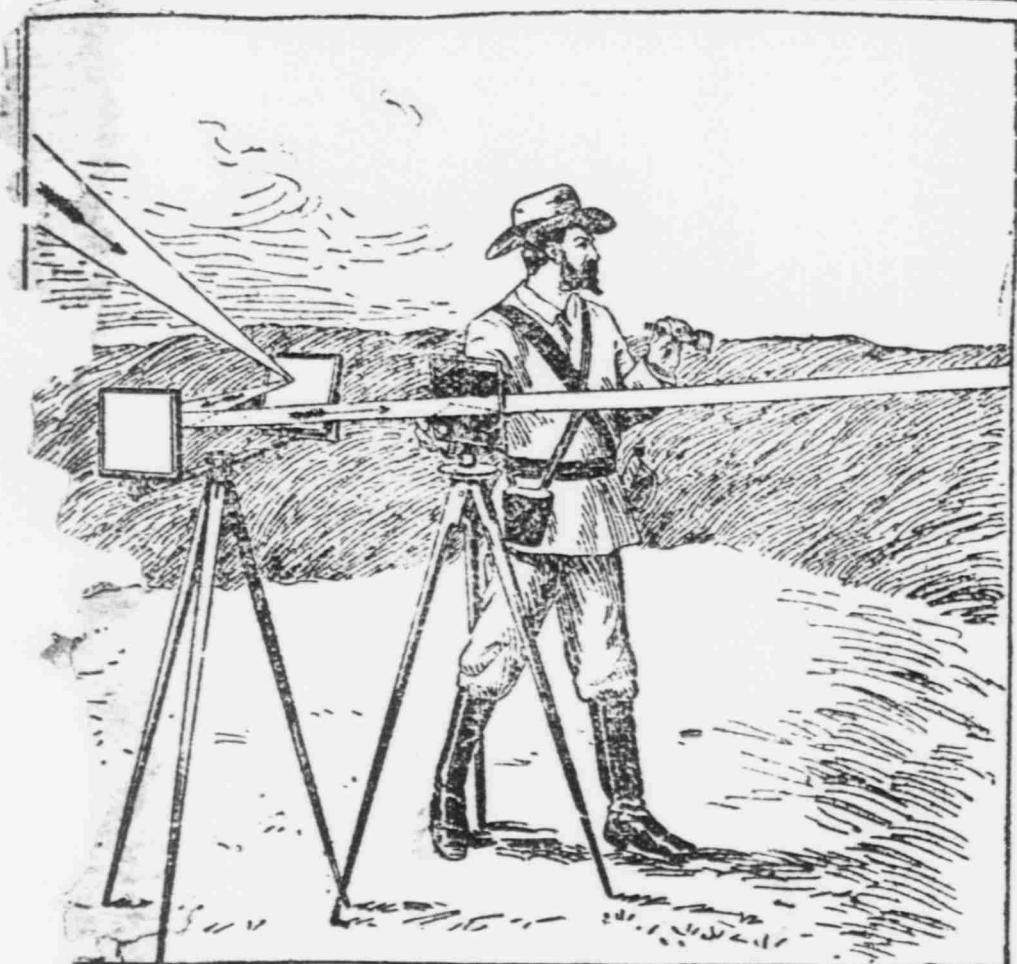
Since the close of the war between the states, in which Colonel Rucker took active part as a soldier, he was engaged in business in Atlanta, being one of the first merchants of the town. In 1880 he formed with the late Colonel R. F. Maddox the banking firm of Maddox-Rucker company, in which both remained until their death.

Colonel Maddox died only a few months ago and it is a striking coincidence, that the death of these two pioneer citizens, associated for so many years in the closest relations which men can bear to each other, came in quick succession and only separated by the passage of a brief time.

SAW MILL BOILER EXPLODES.

Two White Men and a Negro In Tennessee Fatally Injured.

The boiler of a saw mill engine belonging to Joseph Wilkerson, at Right, Chester county, Tenn., exploded Friday, wrecking the building and fatally injuring two white men, Hugh Yancey and John Evans, and one negro, name unknown.



BRITISH SIGNALING LADYSMITH BY HELIOGRAPH.

ed. It is also well known in parts of the world where agricultural work is conducted on the wholesale

particular plough used in South Africa was designed by Colonel French, of the Royal Engineers, and

cidental apparatus. A regular telegraph line passes in the vicinity of Elandsbaagte. General French's men tapped one of the wires of this line. The first step was to establish an electric connection with the overhead wire. This was done by suspending